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# What College Debt Forgiveness Would Mean for BSU Students

By Kaela Resendes  
News Editor

Student debt forgiveness and free college has been mentioned a lot by the 2020 Democratic presidential candidates. But what does it actually mean? Can all student debt really be vanished? If you're Senator Bernie Sanders, then yes it can.

Sanders has a lot of big ideas of what an America under his presidency would look like and free college for all is one of them. He was quoted in The Washington Post saying, "In a generation hard hit by the Wall Street crash of 2008, it (his plan) forgives all student debt and ends the absurdity of sentencing an entire generation to a lifetime of debt for the 'crime' of get-

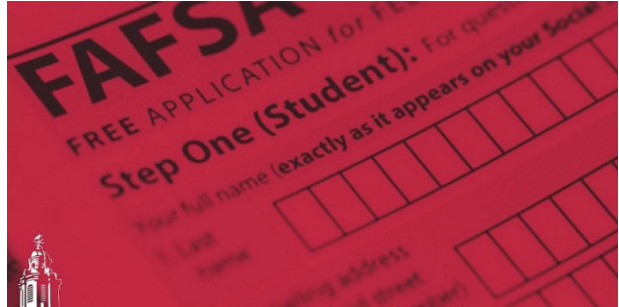


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ting a college education."

Street.

The words 'forgive all student debt' sound extremely ambitious but it also begs the question: how can this be done? To Sanders the plan is simple, tax the richest people on Wall

According to Bernie Sanders campaign site, placing a 0.5% tax on stock trades, a 0.1% fee on bond trades, (cont. on page 2)

## Change is On The Air

By: Nick Jordan,  
Opinion Editor

91.5 WBIM-FM, the Radio Voice of Bridgewater State University and one of the only student-run radio stations left in the country, is back up and running for the new semester with a continued goal of providing a platform for students to present their thoughts, ideas and tastes. Shannon Birch, the station's new Promotions Director, spoke with me about her experience with the station and what she hopes to do in her newly obtained role.

A guest appearance on one of her best friend's shows, combined with her love of music, led her to taking on an increasingly bigger role at an organization she previously was not even aware of. A self-identified history nerd, with her show Talk and Roll, which airs Thursdays from 3:00pm-5:00pm, she puts a focus on classic rock and what makes it classic. "There are so many amazing songs from the past that have reached so many people's hearts. There is such a rich history behind it too. You don't get a legend like (The Beatles) 'While My Guitar Gently Weeps' without a story building up to it to make it the song that it is," she said.

When not on air, she is working behind the scenes to increase awareness of the station. "I have so many



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classmates who still don't know that we have a radio station! All of the DJs involved at WBIM have something to say or something to share. I want to make sure that they have the platform and the audience necessary for them to make their impacts."

College radio provides listeners access to a wide array of different artists and genres that they may not hear anywhere else. If Birch did not have this sort of access, however, and was instead limited to three albums, she could come up with her picks rather quickly. "My first pick would definitely be 'Rumours' by Fleetwood Mac (1977). This is known to be one of the greatest albums of all times. I actually have the vinyl of it hanging on my wall! The music is phenomenal, the history is so rich, and the musicianship from the whole band is top notch. My sec-

ond pick would be 'The White Album' by The Beatles (1968) because there are so many songs and they are all so different. My final pick would be 'Damn the Torpedoes' by Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers (1979). My mom showed me that album when I was younger and I have always loved it. There is not a single song on there that I don't like."

And there is plenty to like with this year's schedule. Shows range in topic from movies to sports to LGBTQ+ issues and music genres that include pop, alternative and the aforementioned classic rock. For a more detailed look at the schedule, head on over to their Facebook page at 91.5 WBIM.

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# News

## (Cont.) What College Debt Forgiveness Would Mean for BSU Students

(cont. from front page) and a 0.005% fee on derivative trades will generate about 2.4 trillion dollars over ten years. This is almost double the student loan debt in America which is 1.6 trillion dollars as of October 2019.

Bernie's plan is multifaceted, but the main factors are: Cancel Debt and Free College.

So, what does that mean for students at Bridgewater? Well, when Bernie says Free College for All he means free College for ALL. His plan would make colleges, universities and trade schools free for all to attend, Bridgewater State University included.

So, what benefits would come

from this plan? Well, as long as you're not a Wall Street speculator, you'll be making out pretty well. Besides the obvious benefit of not being burdened with a student loan bill there are a few more benefits to this plan. Sander's idea is that without student loans, more Americans will be buying houses or starting businesses, and this will create more jobs which will give back to the economy.

Many other countries across the world have already put this plan in action including, Britain and France. Will America be the next?

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## A Preview of the Next Democratic Debate

By Kaela Resendes  
News Editor

Twelve candidates will take the stage on October 15th at the next Democratic presidential primary debate. CNN anchors Erin Burnett and Anderson Cooper along with New York Times national editor will be the moderators asking questions to the biggest group of candidates we've ever had on stage at once.

The topics that will be discussed are unknown to the public yet but, what we do know is there will be 12 candidates, 12 opinions, 12 people battling to get their face stuck in the brains of millions of Americans. Those candidates are:

- Joe Biden
- Elizabeth Warren
- Bernie Sanders
- Pete Buttigieg
- Kamala Harris
- Andrew Yang
- Corey Booker
- Tom Steyer
- Beto O'Rourke
- Amy Klobuchar
- Julian Castro
- Tulsi Gabbard

Be sure to watch the debate on October 15th at 8pm ET to hear each of these candidates give their opinion on a handful of topics.

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## 2020 Candidates Have Plans for Climate Change

By Carly Mehl  
Editor-In-Chief

Americans are facing the reality of climate change but are torn about what to actually do about it. Despite believers in natural warming and climate change as a hoax, youthful climate activists have started a global revolution towards the issue and people are growing concerned. In a voter poll collected by CBS News, 72% of Democrats say climate change is a very important issue to them personally while 20% of Republicans feel the same. Some candidates have included plans to combat climate change and actions towards green infrastructure. For many people, such action on the environment will be a candidate requirement for their vote.

The recent report by the International Panel on Climate Change warned that the world needs to keep the increase in global warming below 1.5°C and said we had 12 years to take dramatic worldwide action. All candidates have addressed this with most of them having a goal of getting the country to a net zero emissions by 2050. They must first consider where they will find the trillions of dollars to do so. So, who has a plan?

### Bernie Sanders

Democratic Senator to declare the climate crisis a national emergency and implementing a WW2 scale mobilization that will create 20 million jobs. The Green New Deal is a legislation that many other candidates support to "revive the economy, turn the tide on climate change and make wars for oil obsolete." To read more about this plan you can visit [bernie-sanders.com](https://bernie-sanders.com) or [gp.org/greennewdeal](https://gp.org/greennewdeal).

### Bill Weld

Republican challenger to Trump, Bill Weld supports the United States in rejoining the Paris Climate Agreement and has discussed the idea of pricing carbon emissions to reduce pollution.

### Joe Biden

Former vice president Joe Biden, who worked alongside Obama's environmental policy making, has cited The Green New Deal as an inspiration while putting out a 1.7 trillion-dollar plan to invest in green infrastructure and research also following the 2050 goal of net-zero emissions. In transition to a greener nation Biden states, "as president, I will lead America and the world, not only to confront the crisis in front of us, but to seize the opportunities it presents." Learn more at [joebiden.com](https://joebiden.com).

### Elizabeth Warren

Another supporter for #GreenNewDeal with plans to stop drilling and investments in clean energy tech. Warren plans to combat the climate crisis with green manufacturing, fighting corruption, clean energy, green infrastructure, protecting public lands, sustainable agriculture, and creating good jobs with a just transition.

Other notable candidates with plans to combat the climate crisis:

- Michael Bennett
- Cory Booker
- Kamala Harris
- Julian Castro
- Pete Buttigieg
- Tim Ryan
- Steve Bullock

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# Opinion

## 5 Tips for Midterms



By Andrew Carey  
Staff Writer

Midterms are a time of increased stress and anxiety as the students of all-nighters are worried if they will pass and the people that studied before that time are worrying if some of the questions on the study guide will be on the test. This makes students wonder what kinds of tips and tricks they can use to either pass midterms or get good grades on midterms. Here are five of them.

### Tip 1:

Try to break studying down into short time periods. In a video by Asap Science on YouTube he says to "break it into 20 30-minute study sessions over a few weeks." If you think about it your brain needs to take the information in gradually. According to Matthew J Ellund, writer for Psychology Today, his advice is "Take breaks or you'll make mistakes." This holds true as when you take a break you are better at processing the material and remembering it.

### Tip 2:

According to Study.com they say you should "Take it one test at a time." The problem students face is that they could have anywhere from one to three midterms on a specific day. The way students can overcome this is knowing what day and time each exam is and finding out how much time you have until your next exam.

### Tip 3:

Make Flashcards or study guides. Daisy Rogozinsky from Study.com did an article on "6 Tips For Acing your Midterms" and in it she states that "If your professors don't give you study guides, ask for them or make them on your own." You can make your own set of flashcards or study guides on Quizlet or you

can get some flashcards from home and write down what you need to know. Rogozinsky then says that you can "Turn your study guides into checklists and make sure that you can honestly check off each individual concept as something you've just mastered."

### Tip 4:

Teach the concepts. While you might say to yourself "Wait, why do I have to do that? I'm not a teacher or instructor" it does help. Asap Science claims there was a study done where half of participants were tested on the material and half were told that they were supposed to teach it to other students. The ones who taught it knew how to understand the main points. This makes sense as when we teach it to someone or ourselves there is always room to improve.

### Tip 5:

Make sure you get enough rest, stay hydrated, and try to reduce stress. Do whatever helps you unwind. Talk to your friends or roommates, go for a walk, go to the gym, listen to music or watch YouTube videos. There you are thinking of midterms and you are becoming stressed out so you start to skip your regular bedtime. Little did you know the day of midterms you feel exhausted and you feel thirsty. According to Rogozinsky, "You want to be as physically, emotionally, and mentally healthy as possible when you sit for your midterms so that you can really concentrate on the task at hand: getting those A's." This makes sense as when you are feeling your best you will be more confident and will not second guess your answers.

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## BSU Bucket List

By Dennis Bagley  
Staff Writer

As I go into my fifth and final year at this beautiful university that made me into who I am today, I reflect on some of my greatest memories and moments in college and well, I figure the least I can do is give some knowledge and advice to the next generation. So, here is what every single one of you whipper snappers should do before you graduate.

### Attend the homecoming football game

Sports aren't everybody's thing. That's fair. Still every student should attend the homecoming game at least once for two reasons. One, it is awesome to see the camaraderie and passion the alumni have for their school as they appear in droves to watch this game and it's awesome to just see the passionate crowd cheer for their team. Heck, even if you aren't into sports you might find yourself cheering after a bit. The second reason is when those fireworks go off after the game it's a sight to see and it's a great thing to look at with your friends. Also, if you are into sports then awesome.

### Attend the Springfest carnival

This is one I feel I don't have to sell anybody on but who knows? Every spring Bridgewater hosts a carnival right on the Shea Durgin field and it's an awesome event that every student should attend once.

### Have Chessman's pizza

Iconic Bridgewater pizza that many a Bridgewater student has had on a late night, it's a tradition at this point to have the pizza at least one time during your tenure as a Bear. Don't break tradition.

### Study abroad or take a study tour

I haven't done this yet, but I'm hoping to do it this spring. The fact is Bridgewater has so many study abroad or study tour opportunities that you have to at least try to do it before you graduate.

### Walk down Burrill Ave on Halloween

I'm not one to judge what a person does in their spare time outside of school off campus but whatever you're into, you should at least go down this street on Halloween. It's definitely interesting seeing everybody's costumes for the year.

### Go to Tilly during an event

Tilly has hosted some great events over the years that have allowed for great foods such as Star Wars day, Harry Potter day, Super Bowl Sunday, and others. Plus, during Thanksgiving and Christmas the food is can't miss.

### Leave something for Martin Richard

The Martin Richard statue was erected during my Freshman year and it has become commonplace to leave things for him. Painted rocks and flowers are a popular one but during certain times of the year other things have been placed on him or near him such as Red Sox attire when the Red Sox won the World Series and, my personal favorite, a custom Boston Marathon jersey with Richard on the back during the Boston Marathon weekend.

### Take a picture with Bristaco

He's our mascot: how are you going to say no to taking a picture with the fuzzy ole bear? Fun fact - gets his name from the school's former name, Bridgewater State College as an abbreviation.

### Take a picture with Fred Clark

It's a rite of passage to take a picture with our president. He's everybody's favorite guy. I've had two with the guy! #humblebrag

### Attend an open mic night

Bridgewater has been famous for hosting some great open mics over the years and I have attended them multiple times. I've seen great poets, comedians and singers all up there so attend one and see what it's all about.

### Walk the trails

Bridgewater offers great hiking/walking trails in our woods and it should behoove you to check it out. I recommend during the fall.

### Ride the Iron Bear

There is an iron bear right outside Tinsley gymnasium, it's become a quiet tradition for people to ride it and take pictures on it. Put yourself in the club.

### Tag the rock

There's a rock in the woods that has become a tradition to tag with your friends with spray paint with whatever you desire usually it's your groups symbol whatever that may be which brings me to my last point.

### Get involved and find your people

It's important on this campus to get involved and find the friends that are right for you. I've thankfully been involved in a lot of things over the years and made some great friends due to that. Whatever you're interested in it's always best when the people you love are with you.

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# Opinion

## The Red Zone: Why Advocacy Matters to Me, and Why it Should

### Matter to You

By Amanda Guindon  
Staff Writer

The infamous campus crime security alerts have already begun as the semester barely reaches half way. In September alone, the student body received notification of two assaults on campus; both incidents involved female victims with the perpetrator known to them. It is truly heartbreaking that, as students, we have become accustomed to receiving emails like these during the first couple months of school. However, it is not an uncommon occurrence, specifically when the semester first begins. According to the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN), over 50% of sexual assaults occur between the months of August and November; because of this high rate of sexual assaults within such a short time period, the first six weeks of the semester are referred to as the "red zone."

Sexual violence is incredibly common on college campuses, with 23.1% of undergraduate females and 5.4% of undergraduate males experiencing such violence. Since these statistics are shockingly high, one would assume that there are a high percent of assaults reported. Unfortunately, this is not the case, only about 20% of female students report their as-

sault to the police. It can be easy to shrug off the email notifications we receive, thinking to ourselves well, it wasn't me, but it could very well be you, or a friend, or a classmate; the statistics work against us in this situation.

In this day and age, considering the amount of those who don't report their assaults, it is incredibly important to support victims of sexual violence. On our campus specifically, we have a few different outlets and outreach programs designed to support victims throughout recovery. The Sexual Violence Advocacy and Support Center (SVAS center), directed by Christy Osborne, is located in the Outreach Center in Weygand Hall (room 1048), offering many different programs to aid survivors. Every Thursday night, the center holds a Sexual Assault Survivors Support Group as an outlet that's available to all students. Along with this service, they also provide more personalized counseling sessions for survivors as well as their significant others. The center also has staff who will accompany the person to the hospital or police department, as this can be a very stressful step in reporting sexual assaults.

Bridgewater State University as a whole can also offer more sup-

port to survivors in terms of protective measures. We have a Title IX Coordinator on campus who is able to intervene and restrict the access to campus that the alleged perpetrator may have. The Bridgewater State Police can also assist in issuing a court order against the alleged perpetrator. It is also possible to contact the offices of these two organizations and file a complaint. The Sexual Violence Advocacy and Support Center offers support throughout this entire process by offering advocates to attend meetings with the survivor.

Currently, on campus, there are small red flags scattered around with signs promoting the "Red Flag Campaign." This is another advocacy project that the SVAS Center takes part in to support victims of dating violence. This project, originally created by the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance, addresses the issues of dating violence and how bystanders can act in support of those in violent dating situations, as well as sexual assault survivors and those affected by stalking on campus. The idea is that bystanders can stand up and say something if they notice "red flags" in certain situations, since a lot of people keep to themselves and

avoid inserting themselves into situations that don't necessarily involve them directly. In actuality, this can be very harmful, and it is important for those to say something if they notice problematic behaviors. The Red Flag Campaign is just one of the many events that the SVAS Center participates in to promote advocacy on campus.

Sexual violence on college campuses is a concept that has become normalized throughout the past few years. As a community, we must come together to offer love and support to those who may be recovering from such violence. If it's not you, it may be someone you know. Advocacy promotes the changes we see in society; it's a step in the right direction.

- Office of Equal Opportunity and Title IX Coordinator, Boyden Hall, Room 206 (508) 531-2744
- Sexual Violence Advocacy and Support Center, Weygand Hall, Room 1048, 508-531-2048
- BSU Wellness Center, Weygand Hall, 351 Great Hill Drive, 508-531-1252
- Bridgewater State University Police Department, 200 Great Hill Drive, 508-531-1212

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## Flawed Bag Checking System

By: Brittany Oppenheimer  
Staff Writer

When I came to Bridgewater State University last year, I felt safe knowing that every residence hall had a required bag checking system. Although, there is still a cause for concern. Beginning with this academic year, bag checks are no longer enforced in any hall at any time; some halls even have a system where there is no security guard on duty until five o'clock p.m., which only adds to my concern.

With this change, any student can bring virtually anything into the dorms. I mean, c'mon, seriously? I don't even drink alcohol and I can see how easy it would be to sneak some beer into my dorm... After all, who would be watching me bring this stuff in since there's nobody at the front desk?

Think about how scary of a thought that is! Who's to say that someone couldn't bring in a weapon and cause harm to people on campus? There are no metal detectors, no policemen at the doors, no police dogs, no fingerprint scanners, no alcohol tests, nothing! It's worrisome because I have heard students and faculty say, "Bridgewater State University is the safest campus in the country!" Is it really, though? Honestly, because of how easy it would be to sneak something dangerous into the dorms without bag checks, it's becoming more apparent to me that I have to think about alternate escape routes if something like a shooting were ever going to happen.

Just the other night, I was sleep-

ing in bed and I had a nightmare of myself breaking a window with my laptop while attempting to tie all my sheets together to make a rope so that I would be able to get outside safely. I also wondered if I could move my wardrobe in front of my door to keep it as secure as possible; all while thinking about what item I could use to defend myself with. I concluded that if I had to defend myself, my pair of scissors would be the best bet. And even still, that is nowhere near a good enough defense system if that were ever to happen!

So, what should one do? Well, that's simple. Fix the broken system!

If BSU wants to continue being the "safest school in the country," then take extra precautions so that these types of things never happen! Having staff check everyone's bags twenty-four seven is a MILLION times better than the system we have now. We have to make sure that every student is protected from harm at all times.

It's strange. Every time I pass the RLH building I always read the "every day is a great day to be a bear" quote on their window. As much as I love to be a bear, I can't help but sometimes read it as, "every day is a precaution filled day when being a bear." If that's what I am getting from reading a harmless quote on someone's window to make people smile, maybe it's about time to place more emphasis on the safety of the students and faculty at BSU.

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## Fall 2019 Book List



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By Stefanie Baptista  
Campus Life Editor  
Fall, autumn, whatever name floats your boat, is officially here. When I think of fall, I think of crisp weather, warm tones, my birthday, Halloween, and many other exciting things. One activity that I always find myself doing more of during this time of year (or try to do more of, because, let's face it, school is all consuming) is reading. Reading books is my absolute favorite hobby and I don't believe anybody that says books just "aren't for them." Books are for everyone; maybe you just haven't found yours yet. Or maybe it's not written yet... Hmmmm.

Anyway, there is a growing pile of books on my desk that I have every intention of reading this fall in between classes, homework, work, etc.; so I figured I would share the titles in my TBR (to be read) pile with you. Now, these aren't recommendations because I haven't read them yet, so I can't vouch for if they're good or not. These books could be godawful, but that is TBD.

1) Calypso by David Sedaris. I got this back in March without knowing too much about it (which is always a nice

way to start a book so your reactions are genuine) besides the fact that it's a book of short stories, and I love collections of short stories. I'm determined to not keep pushing this one aside for other books. Writing this into existence is my way of keeping myself accountable.

2) A Simple Favor by Darcey Bell. I WANT TO SEE THIS MOVIE SO BADLY. However, because of the kind of person I am, if there's a book, I always have to read the book before I see the movie. This is nonnegotiable.

3) In Five Years by Rebecca Serle. Now, this book isn't actually being published until March of next year, but I was so generously gifted an ARC (advanced reader's copy) through the powers of the publishing community on Instagram, which just makes this an even more exciting read to (hopefully) get to.

The pile of books on my desk will grow exponentially by the end of the semester; I can feel it. Despite that fact, this is what's on my fall reading list at the moment, what's on yours?

Stefanie Baptista is the Campus Editor for The Comment

## Opinion

## REVIEW: 'The Politician' Needs a Campaign Reboot

By: Nick Jordan  
Opinion Editor

**SPOILERS AHEAD:** Creator Ryan Murphy is known for the American Horror Story series amongst others, but none are as American or horrifying as his latest project, *The Politician*. All eight episodes recently dropped on Netflix. And while there is surely an addictive element given I was able to finish within a weekend basically, this addictive response came from a desire of wanting more out of the show and expecting it would eventually be delivered. The final episode gave hints of what could make for an interesting second season, but that does not make up for the fact that this first season had some disappointing elements that were difficult to ignore.

A major draw to the show was its cast and they really delivered. Ben Platt, who moves from stage to screen after drawing praise for his lead role in *Dear Evan Hansen*, is intriguing as main character Peyton Hobart. But, that is in no thanks to the writers. They act more as campaign advisors, making sure viewers are not able to see too much into the character. The series begins in the middle of a heated high school campaign for student body president, with Peyton facing off against River Barkley. Publicly, River is dating Astrid Sloane, Peyton's actual rival. She is using River as a way to draw large support given his popularity while still obtaining power for herself. Privately, River has an intimate relationship with Peyton but nei-

ther acknowledge the implications behind this relationship. For River, this has a deadly consequence. After delivering a rousing speech to the student body about the importance of supporting each other and revealing a previous suicide attempt, he makes a second attempt and is unfortunately successful that time around. Even worse, Peyton is witness to it all. And yet, following this traumatic event he continues to pursue his public relationship with Alice, a member of his campaign team who he believes will be his first lady when he becomes POTUS down the road. Throughout the series, Peyton brings River back to life internally where he acts as his conscience, though no true revelations seem to come through. The writers have the opportunity to present what Peyton is actually thinking and they completely squander it. He even performs a song in his honor, and with Platt's professional pipes, good call. Sadly, there is no depth to it beyond his shaky emotional vocals.

The cast stand out, though, is Ryan Murphy regular Jessica Lange who puts a powerhouse performance into what is already a tired character trope. She is the Dee Dee to her granddaughter's Gypsy Rose Blanchard, manipulating her into thinking she has a form a cancer and reaping the rewards she gets from the public whether it be free meals or vacations. Here, they are Dusty and Infinity Jackson. Dusty is not the only one taking advantage of Infinity, however, as Peyton attempts to make the sympathetic figure his

running mate. Infinity sees this immediately and declines, though that was before Peyton met her this time alongside her grandmother who manages to extort a Disney cruise in exchange for her services. And while nearly the whole school believes that Infinity is sick, one student knew the truth. He informs Peyton of this, though it is a secret blood test conducted by the titular politician that provides concrete evidence of her healthy state. In what becomes his biggest scandal thus far, he hides this discovery not only from his voters but, even worse, Infinity in order to continue to benefit off of her perceived sickness. When he finally does tell her, it is after he had already fired her for an unrelated, far less-severe offense. The two end up developing a friendship later on and participate in the school play. These scenes provide some much needed human empathy, though not nearly enough. If only the writers had been as self-aware as the character they wrote. Ever since the Gypsy Rose case broke back in 2015, countless programs and movies have profited off of this tragic story. I get that it is a fascinating story, yet at this point it has become hackish and insensitive. But hey, that's politics, right?

Peyton does end up being elected after his opponent Astrid (yes, she runs after her boyfriend's tragic death in honor of him) drops out. This, in turn, makes him appear illegitimate and nothing gets done in the process. A lot of the episodes after that feel just this way as Peyton's life becomes dominated with ridiculous "assas-

sination attempts." However, the worst episode actually comes right before the election. At a run time of 25 minutes versus the normal 47-55 minute structure, my attention span was relieved. Ultimately, though, this was a total waste of time. Titled "The Voter", it is meant to be presented from the point of view of an indifferent voter. All he cares about is girls, guns and self-pleasure, no depth whatsoever. Well, that is at least how it is presented. But if each of these portrayals are to be accurate then what makes him any worse than Peyton? They show his home life, yet nothing about how he feels about it. We are left to believe that it is his own fault that he does not at least outwardly care about politics. It begs the question of whether they are truly trying to satirize politics or support the status quo.

All of this immaturity makes the final episode completely refreshing. Now a college student, Peyton is shown to have a stable group of friends, all of whom transferred with him from high school. What is new with him, however, is a drinking problem that stems from a lack of ambition he once allowed to define him. They all know what is good for him and so they band together to build his next campaign. This time it is for New York state senator against Dede Standish, a long-term incumbent who seems to equally lack ambition. It is a race that I'll be watching closely.

Nick Jordan is the opinion editor for The Comment

## Why Don't I Hate You, iOS13?: A 100 Word Rant



Image courtesy of Google/Apple

By Stefanie Baptista  
Campus Life Editor

*I'm not going to lie; I was expecting to hate you, iOS13. I read the list of new features in double negatives because they're never what they claim. I took a leap of faith, though, because one way or another, the Apple gods were going to press that giant red button that sends out glitches to all the "older" models whether I updated or not. I also figured all of its wrongdoings would be great for this rant. Ha. To my surprise, the creators were not sitting on a throne of lies with this one. Weird. Kudos to you, Apple.*

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# Sports

## Boston Celtics 2019-2020 Season Preview

By Jesse Frazier  
Staff Writer

BOSTON, Mass. — Times have changed in Boston. At this time last year, the expectation among fans was set on Banner 18.

After a 2017-18 playoff run that took LeBron James' Cavaliers to Game 7, the prospects for the following season were promising. Kyrie Irving would return for a full season of health, another year of veteran leadership under Al Horford, a comeback year with Gordon Hayward, and the development of young forwards Jaylen Brown and Jayson Tatum. For the first time in more than a few years, a championship was both possible and realistic.

Injuries, inconsistent play and disgruntled leadership brought these expectations crashing down, with the Celtics falling in the second round of the playoffs to an upstart Milwaukee Bucks team. The disappointing season and outside factors contributed to turnover in the roster the following offseason.

Kyrie Irving first promised to stay with the Celtics at the start of the season, but his tune changed during the season with the death of his grandfather and the leadership struggles of the team. Irving instead signed with

the Brooklyn Nets.

Al Horford, the Celtics' starting center, offensive creator and defensive anchor, was not as committal as Irving. Horford opted out of his previous contract and signed with the rival Philadelphia 76ers for a greater offer than Boston's. This was arguably Boston's most impactful loss not only for Horford's versatility, but for his signing with Ben Simmons, Joel Embiid and the Sixers, Boston's direct competition in the Eastern Conference.

Backup point guard Terry Rozier and forward Marcus Morris also signed elsewhere, leaving the open roster spots to be filled by star point guard Kemba Walker, center Enes Kanter and new rookies Carsen Edwards, Romeo Langford and Grant Williams.

Whether it was dysfunctional leadership, too much talent, or biased coaching, an accumulation of many things was to blame for last season. The multi-year rebuild carefully constructed by Danny Ainge lost two key parts moving forward in Horford and Irving. The sudden changes in the roster teaches talent on paper does not win games unless it coexists, and that talented players are ultimately human.

In Kyrie Irving's place,

the Celtics signed All-Star point guard Kemba Walker to a four-year max deal worth \$141 million. The former National Champion with the University of Connecticut left the Charlotte Hornets to return to New England. Walker is a scoring guard that is also team-oriented like Irving, though how that scoring ability and creation happens with different skillsets. Having a guard like Walker at the helm is important for the development of Jaylen Brown and Jayson Tatum.

A second big acquisition was the move to sign big man Enes Kanter in free agency. Kanter is an offensive-minded player expected to fit in the pick-and-roll on offense like Horford did, though Kanter's defense is a potentially fatal flaw. Kanter plays with his back to the basket, and the hope is that Kanter will space the floor at a competent level compared to Horford.

In replacement of center Aron Baynes, whom the Celtics traded to Phoenix over the summer, Boston signed 7-5 undrafted center Tacko Fall from the University of Central Florida. Fall earned the Celtics' attention with an excellent senior season and March Madness, and his dominance in the Las

Vegas Summer League earned him a roster spot. The center is a work-in-progress that must add weight to his frame and improve his hands to earn minutes off the bench for Boston. The Celtics also drafted Romeo Langford, an athletic guard and forward from Indiana University with the 14th overall pick, and Grant Williams the big man from the University of Tennessee with the 22nd pick in the NBA Draft. The Celtics also traded up in the Draft for scoring guard Carsen Edwards to resume Terry Rozier's former role off the bench.

This Celtics team is going to be an interesting mix of young talent and veteran leadership with Kemba Walker leading the way. Expect greater usage and development from Tatum and Brown as the Celtics decide whether or not to offer these former high draft picks a second contract. The fun starts October 23 in Philadelphia to take on old friend Al Horford and the 76ers on opening night. The Celtics look to move closer to their ultimate goal of Banner 18.

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## BSU Homecoming Football Preview

By, Jesse Frazier  
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BRIDGEWATER, Ma.— As the calendar turns to October, it is finally time for Homecoming and the annual Bridgewater State football game! Homecoming and Family Day activities begin October 18 while the football game happens Saturday, where the Bears take on UMass Dartmouth at home. The Bears earned their first win October 5 on the road against Fitchburg State, a dominant 50-6 victory. The Bears travel to Worcester State on October 11 before the Homecoming game the following Saturday.

The Bears hold a 2-3 record on the season with the difference in two of their losses being by less

than a touchdown. Their wins on the season were not so close, with a 50-6 win over Fitchburg State and a 41-17 victory over Westfield State. The Bears scored 35 points in the first half against Fitchburg while shutting them out on defense, leading to a quick decision. Bridgewater State was solid all day, holding Fitchburg to 195 total yards on defense while gaining 429 yards of offense. The Bears defense also forced three turnovers, including two interceptions and a fumble.

Running back Nick Santavica's effort on the ground opened the gates for Bridgewater State's pass attack. Quarterback Stefano D'Emilia and wide receiver Maurice Ashley also kept a constant connection in Fitchburg with

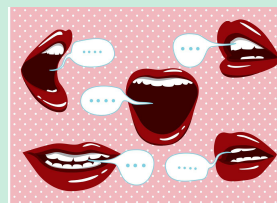
160 yards with 2 touchdowns. Ashley caught both of D'Emilia's passing touchdowns on the game.

These convincing wins were what the Bears needed to snap an early three-game losing streak and return to form. One game remains before Homecoming, and the Bears have the chance to return to .500 in time for the most anticipated game of the season.

The Bears play the UMass Dartmouth Corsairs October at Swenson Field on October 19 at 2:30 p.m.

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## Sports

## Patriots Blow Out Redskins, 33-7

By, Brian Garland  
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LANDOVER, M.D. - The Washington Redskins were in a difficult position before this game on all fronts, and having to play the undefeated New England Patriots did the Redskins no favors.

The Washington rumor mill was also unkind to the Redskins, with rumblings that head coach Jay Gruden was on his way to being fired for the team's dreadful start to the 2019 season. The turmoil within the organization is backed by additional reports in the Washington Post that suggested Gruden did not want the Redskins to draft rookie quarterback Dwayne Haskins Jr. back in April, and that the Redskins are benching Haskins in favor of veteran starter Case Keenum.

Keenum was benched in Week 3's loss to the New York Giants due to a foot injury, and the injury left Keenum on the bench for this week against the Patriots. In Keenum's place was 33 year-old journeyman quarterback Colt McCoy, who had appeared in just five games since 2015.

Despite the odds stacked heavily against the Redskins, they hung tough with the Patriots in the first half. The Redskins took an early 7-0 lead in the first quarter with a Steven Sims Jr. touchdown rush for 65 yards,

though the Patriots quickly answered with a touchdown of their own.

The Redskins defense held Tom Brady and the Patriots offense in check for the first half, having the Patriots settle for field goals and punts. The Redskins potentially saved a touchdown by intercepting Tom Brady just before half-time, leaving the score 12-7 Patriots.

The second half is where the Patriots found their stride against an inferior Redskins team. The Patriots turned their first offensive drive of the second half into a four-minute drive capitalized by a Brandon Bolden touchdown pass from 29 yards out.

The momentum continued to swing in New England's favor when they scored on their next drive, a Sony Michel 14-yard touchdown rush to put the Patriots ahead 26-7.

This was the breaking point for the Redskins, though no quarterback change to Dwayne Haskins was made.

The Redskins continued to punt while Tom Brady and the Patriots started to connect. Brady found tight end Ryan Izzo for a 10-yard touchdown pass to take a 33-7 lead, and this was the meaningful end of the game as New England ran out the clock.

Tom Brady finished 28 of 42 with



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348 yards passing, three touchdowns and an interception on the day, while receiver Julian Edelman caught eight passes for 110 yards and New England's first touchdown of the game. Running back Sony Michel rushed for 91 yards on 16 carries with a touchdown, with three catches for 32 yards receiving.

Redskins coach Jay Gruden alluded to the rumors of his potential firing after the game. "If the key still works on Monday, we're going to work for our first win against the Dolphins next Sunday," said Gruden in his post-game press conference.

Patriots head coach Bill Belichick called New England's performance

a "solid effort on all three phases today", referring to defense, offense and special teams, "that's really what you need to win on the road." He added that the communication of the team is a strength for its positioning and execution. The Patriots prepare for a short week, a turnaround home game against the New York Giants at Gillette Stadium Thursday night. The 2-3 Giants suffered a 28-10 home loss to the Minnesota Vikings Sunday. They expect better results on offense against another talented defensive unit in the Patriots.

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## Patriots Slide Past Bills, 16-10

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BUFFALO, N.Y. - The New England Patriots faced their first true test of the 2019 season, a matchup with the 3-0 Buffalo Bills on the road. The Bills team proved its early-season success was no fluke by hanging tight with the first-place Patriots at New Era Field in Buffalo.

New England headed into this game with a clear 3-0 record, outscoring their opponents — Pittsburgh, Miami, and New York — 106 to 17. The lopsided victories prove the defending champion Patriots are among the NFL's elite, though their previous opponents combined for an 0-9 record through Week 4.

While New England's offense led all offensive categories heading into this game, it was held in check by Buffalo's stout defense.

Defensive play was a theme of this game as both teams struggled to move the ball on offense. However, the Patriots won with defense and special teams play, such as a blocked punt and two interceptions of Buf-

falo quarterback Josh Allen in the first quarter. New England's defense forced Allen to win with his arm, and the tight coverage and steady pressure from the Patriots led Allen to make reckless decisions.

While the game plan depended on the success of the passing game, Tom Brady and his receivers struggled to find equal footing. Brady finished with a season-low 150 yards passing with an interception.

The play of the Patriots defense shifted the game plan accordingly. The Patriots played a conservative, run-clock offense while challenging Buffalo to score from deep in their own territory. When the Patriots failed to capitalize on offense, they punted the ball to force Buffalo to score with a short-handed offense.

"It was a tough game," said Bill Belichick in his post-game press conference. The Patriots took an early 13-0 lead in the first quarter, and failed to score more than three points for the remainder of the game.

The Bills did make a steady comeback in the second half with a one-



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yard rushing touchdown by Josh Allen to make the score 16-10 with 10:37 left in the third quarter.

Allen left the game early in the fourth quarter after a helmet-to-helmet collision with Patriots cornerback Jonathan Jones. Jones was controversially not ejected from the game, and faced no suspension or fine from the league because Allen took off and ran, making him eligible to be tackled as a "runner".

The Bills replaced Allen with second-string quarterback Matt Barkley, who also struggled to gain

ground against New England in the passing game.

Bills coach Doug McDermott was outraged at the lack of an ejection for Jonathan Jones' hit on Josh Allen. The NFL reviewed the play and found that Jones acted within his legal limits to hit Allen as the Bills quarterback lowered his head to avoid a hit.

The Patriots improved to 4-0 and traveled to Maryland to take on the winless Washington Redskins.

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# Arts

## Editors Note:

*The Comment* is now dedicating a page to the arts— including the literary arts, visual arts, and performance arts. We believe it is important to showcase the amazing creative work that students are creating across campus. We hope to become a platform on which students can express themselves and share their work with a wider audience. In the future, we hope to have student spotlights, highlighting the achievements of BSU creatives. If you are interested in sharing creative work in *The Comment*, please email Arthur Kopellas at [akopellas@student.bridgew.edu](mailto:akopellas@student.bridgew.edu), or attend one of our weekly meetings, Thursdays at 6 PM in RCC 005.



**“Mindless” | Paint Markers | by Elliot Philie**

## Senses

By Merlin Young

Some like to talk, some like to speak  
Some like to read, and some like to write.

I am a watcher, a listener, a writer  
I am the author that remains unknown.

Some like to look, some like to see  
Some like to hear, some like to listen.

I am a speaker, a see-er, a hear-er  
I am the author that remains unknown.

Some like to touch, some like to feel  
Some like to want, some work for what they want.

I am a feeler, a worker, a want-er  
I am the author that remains unknown.

I am the writer of the world.  
I spin the webs that entwine all life.

I am the one who feels, listens, sees,  
speaker, want-er, wisher, maker

I am.



**“Lion” | Ceramics | by Madison Wallace**